

Bureau of Land Management, Interior

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that information and stop our review until we receive the information.

(b) If your site license is located on leased lands managed by the Department of Agriculture, we will consult with the agency and obtain concurrence before we approve your application. The agency may require additional license terms and conditions.

(c) If the land is subject to section 24 of the Federal Power Act, we will issue the site license with the terms and conditions requested by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

(d) If another Federal agency manages the surface, we will consult with them to determine if they recommend additional license terms and conditions.

(e) After our review, we will notify you whether we approved or denied your license, as well as any additional conditions we require.

§ 3273.13 Are any lands not available for geothermal site licenses?

Yes. BLM will not issue site licenses for lands that are not leased or not available for geothermal leasing. See 43 CFR 3201.11.

§ 3273.14 What area does a site license cover?

The site license covers a reasonably compact tract of Federal land, limited to as much of the surface as is necessary to adequately utilize geothermal resources. That means the site license area will only include the utilization facility itself and other necessary structures, such as substations and processing, repair, or storage facilities areas.

§ 3273.15 What must I give BLM in my site license application?

(a) A description of the boundaries of the land applied for, as determined by a certified licensed surveyor. Describe the land by legal subdivision, section, township and range, or by approved protraction surveys, if applicable;

(b) The affected acreage;

(c) A non-refundable fee of \$50;

(d) A site license bond (See 43 CFR 3273.19);

(e) The first year's rent, if applicable (see 43 CFR 3273.18); and (f) Documentation that the lessee or unit operator

accepts the siting of the facility, if the facility operator is neither the lessee nor unit operator.

§ 3273.16 What is the annual rent for a site license?

We will specify the amount in your license, if you are required to pay rent. (See 43 CFR 3273.18.) Your rent will be at least \$100 per acre or fraction thereof for an electrical generation facility, and at least \$10 per acre or fraction thereof for a direct use facility. Send the first year's rent to BLM, and all subsequent rental payments to MMS under 30 CFR part 218.

§ 3273.17 May BLM reassess the annual rent for my site license?

Yes, we may reassess the rent for lands covered by the license beginning with the tenth year and every ten years after that.

§ 3273.18 Must all facility operators pay the annual site license rent?

No, if you are a lessee siting a utilization facility on your own lease, or a unit operator siting a utilization facility on leases committed to the unit, you do not need to pay rent. Only a facility operator who is not also a lessee or unit operator must pay rent.

§ 3273.19 What are the bonding requirements for a site license?

(a) For an electrical generation facility, the facility operator must submit a surety or personal bond for at least \$100,000, and which meets the requirements of subpart 3214. BLM may increase the required bond amount. See subparts 3214 and 3215 for additional details on bonding procedures.

(b) For a direct use facility, the facility operator must furnish BLM with a surety or personal bond that meets the requirements of subpart 3214 in an amount BLM will specify.

(c) The bond's terms must cover compliance with the requirements of 43 CFR 3200.4.

(d) Until you provide a bond and BLM approves it, do not start construction, testing, or anything else that would disturb the surface.